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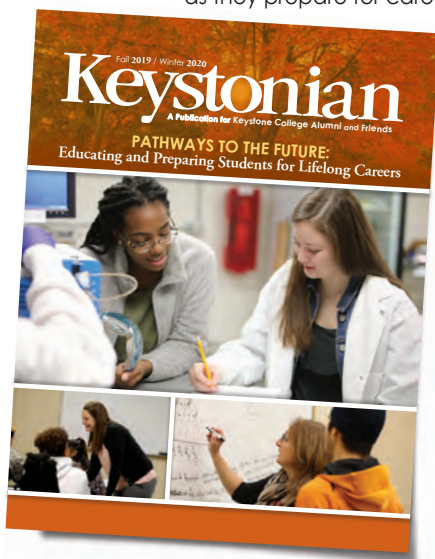
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Dear Friends of Keystone College:

One of the most challenging aspects of running any organization, particularly an educational institution, is implementing necessary changes while still maintaining the organization's essential character, mission, and values.

In this issue of the *Keystonian*, you will read about some of the steps we are taking to prepare our students for careers in their particular fields of expertise. For example, you will learn more about the exemplary efforts of our Workforce Outreach Coordinator Diane Bubbs as she works with students to help them acquire valuable internships and mentoring experiences. To achieve this goal, Diane has been actively involved in reaching out to the business and non-profit community on a regular basis. Her efforts are paying off as more and more employers discover the skill and dedication of Keystone students and soon-to-be graduates.

We are thrilled that Diane and members of our dedicated faculty continue to increase Keystone's visibility in the community as they prepare our students to be successful in their lives after graduation. This is an example of an initiative that we began over a year ago that is now beginning to bear positive results each and every day.

However, it's important to remember that, as we implement this new program, we are doing so without changing the basic character and mission upon which Keystone was founded more than 150 years ago. While it's essential that we bolster our efforts to give students the skills and abilities to succeed in an increasingly competitive society, we will also continue the Keystone tradition of educating the "whole person" in the liberal arts tradition.

We will always emphasize the need to think critically, analyze, communicate, and understand the importance of leadership in society. That is the essence of a Keystone education and will remain part of our mission. At a college, as in other aspects of life, change is sometimes necessary to reflect new and important realities. However, it can and should be done without sacrificing the essence of who we are and why we exist. That is what we are all about at Keystone College.

Sincerely,



Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.
President



Keystone College Mourns the Passing of Former President Edward G. “Ned” Boehm, Jr.

Keystone College mourns the passing of former president Edward G. “Ned” Boehm, Jr., Ed.D., '13H. Dr. Boehm passed peacefully away on June 23, 2019 in Richmond, Va., from complications related to Lewy body dementia. The entire College community extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to President Boehm's wife and former Keystone First Lady Regina Boehm, sons Evan and Andrew, grandchildren Grant and Catherine, and the entire Boehm family.

As Keystone's ninth president, Dr. Boehm retired in 2013 after leading Keystone for 18 years, the longest presidential tenure in the College's history. President Boehm also served as President Emeritus for the 2013-14 academic year. During his time as president, Keystone grew from a junior college into one of the most respected baccalaureate institutions in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

President Boehm began his Keystone tenure in 1995, a time when the enrollment had dwindled to less than 400 students, and the school was in need of an infusion of energy and enthusiasm. Under his dynamic leadership, Keystone became a baccalaureate college in 1998 and granted its first bachelor's degree to one student in 2000. Since then, Keystone has progressed steadily, introducing additional bachelor



Known for his optimistic attitude and limitless energy and enthusiasm, President Boehm was frequently spotted riding his orange and blue Keystone bike around campus.

degrees as well as master's degrees.

In addition to his academic leadership, President Boehm was known for his optimistic attitude and genuine friendship, particularly his personal interest in all Keystone students. He was often quoted as saying, “We know our students not only by their names but by their dreams.”

President Boehm and Regina quickly became well-known and respected leaders in the community, taking active roles in many civic and community

organizations. They jointly received the B'nai B'rith Amos Lodge No.136 Americanism Award and served as co-chairs for the United Way of Lackawanna County Campaign Fund Drive. President Boehm served on the United Way of Lackawanna County Board of Directors, President of Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO), as a board member of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute Advisory Board, and Tyler Memorial Hospital, among many others.

Prior to his position at Keystone, President Boehm was a senior vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University in West Virginia. He also held senior administrative positions at American University and Texas Christian University. He obtained a bachelor's degree in secondary physical education from Frostburg State University in Maryland and a master's degree in education and a doctorate in higher education from American University.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Edward and Regina Boehm Scholarship at Keystone College, Institutional Advancement, One College Green, La Plume, PA 18440, or online at www.keystone.edu/give.



Members of the campus community gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of former Keystone College President Edward G. “Ned” Boehm, Jr., Ed.D., '13H during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Keystone College President Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D., welcomed former first lady Regina E. Boehm '13H back to campus.

Keystone Celebrates its 150th Anniversary

The Keystone College community marked the culmination of its year-long celebration of the College's sesquicentennial with an Anniversary Gala at Constantino's in Clarks Summit in May 2019. The Gala brought together students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to celebrate the enduring legacy of Keystone College.

The evening included a memorabilia display highlighting historical items from the Keystone College archives, a performance by the Keystone College Jazz Ensemble, and recognition of outstanding alumni, faculty, administration, staff, and community members for their support and contributions to Keystone College.

The Gala finished with a flourish with the premiere of "Legends and Legacy: 150 Years of Keystone College," a short film highlighting the College's proud past and promising future. The film was created by Carl Shinko and Devin Horner of Longfooter Productions.

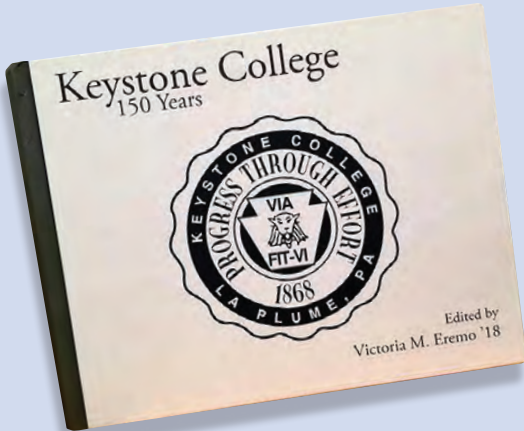


Keystone College concluded its year-long sesquicentennial celebration with an Anniversary Gala at Constantino's. Keystone College students who attended the Gala included Tristan Williams, Michael Santulli, Becca Yuscavage '19, Andrew Lupinacci, Alyssa Vansciver, Deion Lewis, Savanna Robinson, and Hayden Richner.

The full-length film is expected to premier this winter at Keystone.

during the Gala and to watch "Legends and Legacy: 150 Years of Keystone College," visit www.keystone.edu/150years.

For a list of the Keystoneians honored



- **Celebrate Keystone's 150th Anniversary**

Celebrate Keystone's sesquicentennial anniversary by purchasing a copy of "Keystone College: 150 Years." A pictorial journey through the 150 year history of the College, the book was edited by Keystone alumna Victoria Eremo '18 and published by the Keystone College Press. To purchase a copy, stop by the Keystone College Bookstore or visit www.keystone.edu/150years.

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■ Dr. Fran Langan named Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Strategic Initiatives

Keystone College has named **Frances Langan, Ed.D.**, as the new Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Strategic Initiatives.

Dr. Langan has been a faculty member at Keystone since 1985 and has been affiliated with the College since 1980. She has served as the chair of the Division of Social Sciences, the Division of Education, and most recently, as dean of the School of Professional Studies.

Actively involved in educational issues and an advocate for quality education for practitioners, Dr. Langan has been skilled in securing funding and discovering revenue streams that have helped to advance Keystone and the field of education. Knowledgeable about local, state, and national funding opportunities, Dr. Langan is also experienced in cultivating private foundation opportunities specifically targeting program innovation. She is a member of numerous local, state, and national boards and commissions.

Dr. Langan is a graduate of Wilkes University. She received a master's degree in public administration from Marywood University and a doctorate in education from Temple University. Dr. Langan is also a registered nurse.

■ Keystone welcomes Fulbright Teaching Assistant

Keystone College has opened its doors to **Ellie Chavez Ramirez**, a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant, for the 2019-2020 academic year. A native of Pachuca, Mexico, Ellie is teaching Spanish to both Keystone College students and members of the local community.

Ellie comes to Keystone with several years of teaching experience at the Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Hidalgo's Language Self Learning Center. She is a graduate of the Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Hidalgo and the Texas State University's

Intensive English Program.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is designed to develop Americans' knowledge of foreign cultures and languages. Educators from more than 50 countries teach more than 30 foreign languages at colleges and universities across the United States.

The Fulbright program at Keystone began in 2017 as a way to broaden the spectrum of world languages and cultures taught on campus.

■ Keystone Open raises funds for student scholarships

Orange and blue were the colors of the day this past July at Glen Oak Country Club in Clarks Summit as more than 100 golfers raised more than \$22,000 during the 29th annual Keystone Open. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship. Current student and Alumni Association Scholarship recipient Nathalie Henrie, a sophomore

general biology major from Millville, Pa., attended the tournament with her parents to thank golfers for their support of Keystone College. Pictured from left are: **Don Cadman '77**, **Dustin Henrie**, **Ginger Henrie**, **John Mansuy '66**, **Nathalie Henrie**, **Krista Tully '11**, **Denny Coffinberger '68**, and **Don Jones '73**.



■ Homecoming and Family Weekend

Campus was alive with excitement during Homecoming and Family Weekend in October as alumni, students, parents and friends gathered to relive good times, reconnect with friends, catch up with students, and create new memories.

Alumni Award Winners



The Keystone College Alumni Association honored a group of distinguished alumni for their outstanding achievements.

From left: Don Cadman '77, Alumni Association president; Matthew Powell '12, Young Alumnus of the Year; Donald Jones '73, Keystonian of the Year; Denny Coffinberger '68, Keystonian of the Year; and Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D., Keystone College President. Charlotte Davis '53, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Keystone award, was unable to attend.

Keystone College faculty members and administration catch up with alumni, from left: Abreham Kittel '18; Jeff Brauer, Professor; Vicki Stanavitch, Ph.D., '92, Associate Professor; Karen Yarrish, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sherry Strain, Ph.D., professor; Lamont Carolina '07; and Elizabeth Siaw.



Gold Club Induction



Members of the Class of 1969 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion.

From left are: Don Cadman '77 Alumni Association president; members of the Gold Club induction class Bob Ougheltree '69, Kevin McCann '69, Art Mahony '69, Carol Reilly '69 Morse, Kevin Hazard '69, and Board of Trustees Chair John Pullo '69; and Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D., Keystone College president.

Student Activities



Keystone students Tiffany Dewitt and Kristyn Murray fill their own stuffed animals during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

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Five Inducted in 2019 Athletics Hall of Fame

Five members of the 2019 Keystone College Athletics Hall of Fame Class were inducted in a ceremony on Saturday, October 12. The 2019 Hall of Fame Class includes Rick Dixon '73, wrestling; Brian Evans '87, baseball; Jackie Kirby '09, cross country/track & field; Robert McGurrin '54, basketball and baseball; and Samantha Littleford Woodard '14, soccer.



Keystone College inducted five individuals into its Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming and Family Weekend. Gathering following the induction ceremony are, from left: Matthew Grimaldi, Ed.D., Director of Athletics; inductees Robert McGurrin '54, Samantha Littleford Woodard '14, Rick Dixon '73, Jackie Kirby '09, and Brian Evans '87; and Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D., Keystone College President.

Rick Dixon '73

Wrestling

Rick Dixon '73 is a graduate of James Madison High School and attended Keystone Junior College from 1971-73. He qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament in 1972 and was the team captain in 1972-73.

An academic All-American, Dixon wrestled under Hall of Fame coach Larry Fornicola and later wrestled at Division I College of William & Mary from 1974-1975. His career record at

William & Mary was 60-5-3, where he was the Southern Conference Champion in 1974 as well as NCAA National Tournament qualifier.

Brian Evans '87

Baseball

Brian Evans '87 is a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School and played under head coach Michael Mould from 1986-87 at Keystone Junior College. He was team captain, was selected as the Most Valuable Player, and was named

1987 Outstanding Senior Athlete.

Evans was named first team NJCAA All-Region XIX in 1987, when he batted .411 with six homeruns and 50 runs batted in (RBI). In 1986, he hit .376 with two homeruns, 30 RBIs, and led the team in saves for two straight seasons.

He left Keystone as the program leader in career RBIs and played at Division I Jacksonville University. In 1988, he went 8-1 with six saves and 1.09 earned run average (ERA) at Jacksonville, being named Sun Belt Conference Rookie of the Year and first team All-Sun Belt.

Evans was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 39th round in 1988 MLB Draft and played for Gastonia Rangers and Port Charlotte Rangers from 1988-1990. Evans finished his minor league career with 126 games, 9 wins, 8 losses, 26 saves and a 1.74 ERA.

He is currently the owner of Fort II Tavern in Scranton, Pa.

Jackie Kirby '09

Cross Country/Track & Field

Jackie Kirby '09 graduated from Wallenpaupack Area High School and is a three-time cross country conference champion, twice in the Northeastern Athletic Conference, and once in Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC), at Keystone. She holds program records for fastest 5K and 6K and is a two-time All-Region selection.

Kirby qualified for NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championship during junior and senior years and was the 2009 CSAC Track & Field Athlete of the Year. She also qualified for 2009 NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships in the 5,000 meters and mile and she also holds school records in 10 different events.

Currently, she is the head men's and women's cross country coach and associate head track & field coach at the University

of Mount Olive in North Carolina, where she has been named a six-time Southeast Region Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field Assistant Coach of the Year.

Kirby was the 2015 University of Mount Olive Chaplain's Choice Coach of the Year and has coached 42 conference champions, 17 Southeast Region champions, and 56 All-American athletes. She completed in the Steamtown Marathon, finishing fifth overall with a time of 2:54:04.

Robert McGurrin '54

Basketball & Baseball

Robert McGurrin '54 led the men's basketball team in scoring during senior year with 13.9 points per game and led the baseball team with a .300 batting average. He was selected as Athlete of the Year in 1954 at Keystone Junior College and also served as the sports editor for the newspaper. McGurrin went on to play left field at Wilkes University from 1955-57.

He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years during the Korean War and attended Keystone on the GI Bill. He earned his master's degree from Rutgers University and a doctorate from the University of Southern California.

McGurrin has traveled to 46 countries and has resided in France, Japan and England. He served as the President

of the Overseas Federation of Teachers, teaching children of American service personnel. He currently lives in England and is chairman of the Woodstock Action Group.

Samantha Littleford Woodard '14

Women's Soccer

Samantha Littleford Woodard '14 is a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School and was named the Colonial States Athletics (CSAC) female Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2013-14 while she was a student at Keystone College. She was the recipient of Keystone's N. Scott Thurston Academic Award and was named NSCAA College Division Women's Scholar All-East Region honorable mention.

She was named to the CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-America Second Team, CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District IV, and was first team All-CSAC selection and team captain for three seasons.

Woodard scored 40 career goals, second most all-time in program history; had 16 career assists, tied for second most all-time; had 96 career points, second most all-time; and recorded 19 goals, six assists and 44 points during her senior year in 2013.

■ Men's Soccer Repeats as CSAC Champs

The Keystone College men's soccer team enjoyed its second-straight Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) title by defeating visiting Rosemont College 1-0 in the championship match on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Senior midfielder Daniel Zuniga scored his 12th goal of the year in the 56th minute, thanks to an assist from freshman midfielder Willy Nduwayo, which stood as the match's lone goal. Keystone senior center back Andrew Lupinacci was named the most valuable player

With the win, the Giants earned the automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament where the team lost 3-0 to the University



of Mary Washington.

This was the third-straight year the Giants have appeared in the CSAC Finals:

2017 (loss, 1-0 at Cabrini), 2018 (win, 2-1 vs. Wilson), and 2019 (win, 1-0 vs. Rosemont).

Keystone College Football: Building for the Future

For the first time since 1948, football is back at Keystone College.

The Giants football team played seven exhibitions in 2019 in preparation for league play in 2020. The team, led by head coach Justin Higgins, finished with a 3-4 record. The football team will join NCAA Division III and play in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) in the fall of 2020.

“We wanted to take this year to implement our culture,” said Coach Higgins. “We wanted to get great kids and have them do well in the classroom and on campus. This is the year to build a strong foundation for 2020 and beyond.”

For some in the Keystone community, football may seem new. However, the history of Giants football can be traced back to the 1890s. During the days of Keystone Academy, Factoryville native and baseball Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson helped make the game of football one of Keystone’s most dominant varsity sports. The program ended in 1947 but was revived again this year.

Despite being comprised almost entirely of freshmen, the Giants football team has received praise for their high character and maturity level.

“We develop our players in all phases of their lives during their time at Keystone,” Coach Higgins said. “We teach them how to be respectful in the classroom and in the community.”

Every day, the coaching staff is dedicated to making sure they do something positive to ensure the program becomes better.

“We have to do our part to show what our culture is and what we want it to be,” coach Higgins said. “As far as support, the College is all in. They want us to do well and have put the resources together for us. The community

has also been kind. Everyone that I have run into has been supportive of what we’re trying to build here. I believe that support will continue to expand, especially after we’ve played some home games in 2020.”

“We develop our players in all phases of their lives during their time at Keystone.”

Justin Higgins, head coach



Freshman wide receiver Zechariah Wassell makes a tough catch against Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.



Freshman quarterback Johnathan Bates makes a dynamic play against Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

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Keystone College Joins National 3-D Project to Make Artificial Hands

At Keystone College, service to the community is more than something that we say; it's something that is done on campus and in the local community every day.

That's why Keystone students spend over 26,000 hours each year helping in senior centers, cleaning up parks, and helping children in need, among many other activities. So, when the College had the chance to use its new Additive Manufacturing/ 3-D Printing Center to help others, there was no hesitation.

Located in Brooks Hall, Keystone's Regional Center for Excellence in 3-D Design was created in 2014 with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. While the Center has been a marvelous help in educating students and preparing them for careers in 3-D printing, the goal has always been to benefit local residents and businesses as well.

Now, Keystone is proud to partner with the non-profit organization Enabling the Future Global 3-D Printing Network and its "Give a Helping Hand" program to produce upper limb assistive devices for use by members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania community. Once completed, the devices will function just like artificial hands and will be designed and made entirely through the 3-D printing process.

"This is really a wonderful project," said the Center's director Jim Harmon. "We are able to use our expertise in 3-D printing in a way that will help other people in need. That was always one of our primary goals when we began the 3-D Center several years ago."

After a rigorous introductory process which involved submitting a video of the 3-D process, Jim said Keystone recently received approval to be a certified chapter of the Enabling the Future Network. Now, Jim and a committed group of Keystone students are working hard to complete their design and begin production in the coming months.



"We're still involved in the process but it's been a tremendous learning experience for our students," Jim said. "We've had art students and science students working side by side and it's been beneficial to each group."

"This has been a truly amazing experience for all of us," said Keystone student Jacqueline Chavez. "We've really learned a great deal and the best part is that we will be helping people in need as well."

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Jim Harmon, director of Additive Manufacturing/ 3-D Printing Center

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Keystone student Scarlet Pujols-Recio

Rich Cox looks back on his four years at Keystone with a lot of fond memories. However, what's really important is that he is looking forward to the future with great optimism and enthusiasm.

Rich, an adult student from Carbondale, Pa., will receive his bachelor's degree in communications at the end of the fall semester and he feels confident in his abilities as he pursues a career in his chosen profession of journalism or public relations.

That wasn't always the case. When he began taking classes at Keystone, Rich admits to being a little hesitant. He had been out of high school for several years working in the hospitality industry and wasn't really sure what to expect in college.

"I knew I had the desire to achieve something greater in my life," Rich recalls. "But at the same time, I wasn't sure how it would all work out. I think I needed a little push in the right direction and that's what I received at Keystone."

With some help and encouragement from his professors and classmates, Rich used that "little push" to do some great things. He is completing his senior capstone project, a media guide for Keystone's new NCAA Division III football program. Rich also completed an internship this past summer with a local weekly newspaper group, writing news, feature, and sports stories and hopes to land a full-time job in journalism or public relations when he graduates. He also interned in Keystone's College Relations Department where he wrote news releases, feature stories,

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Rich Cox, student

and took photos. He has done some similar work with Keystone's Sports Information Office. In fact, Rich has written three stories that appear in this edition of the *Keystonian* (pages 10, 17 and 20).

Rich is just one example of how Keystone College works with students to create career pathways which will prepare students to be successful in their chosen professions.

"My education and experiences at Keystone helped me to qualify for my internship last summer which was really a life-changing event," Rich said. "The practical experience I received on and off campus will really serve me well and I'm really excited about my prospects for the future."

Those are exactly the words that Keystone's Workforce Outreach Coordinator Diane Bubb loves to hear. Diane's responsibilities at Keystone include finding internships and other career-related experiences for Keystone students with local employers.

"Rich was able to develop his talents gradually during his college career," Diane said. "Now, he's really ready to go out and begin his life after graduation. We're so proud of him. At Keystone, we like to say, 'careers start here.' Rich is a perfect example of that philosophy."

Another Keystone student who is creating her own career pathway is Jamie Albert. Jamie will earn her associate degree in pre-nursing from Keystone this spring. She plans to start an internship with a local healthcare organization so she can better prepare for her future career.



Keystone senior Rich Cox (right) collaborates with Ryan Novitsky, Keystone's Sports Information Director, during his internship.

“Diane was so great to work with. She really helped me prepare my resume and helped me get in touch with the company that eventually gave me the internship,” Jamie said. “I really recommend students do everything possible to secure an internship. It can really prepare them for the future.”

Keystone also recently introduced an online platform called “Handshake” which allows Diane to connect directly with students to help them post their resumes and get advice on career preferences. The platform enables students to contact potential employers about upcoming internships and job opportunities.

“Handshake is really a great tool to help our students so we can keep them informed about possible opportunities,” Diane said. “It’s just one example of the ways we are reaching out to help students move forward with their potential careers while they are still in college.”

Preparing students for the future is exactly what Keystone President Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D. is trying to accomplish each and every day. Since beginning her presidency in 2018, Dr. Brundage has been working to help brand Keystone as a college that goes the extra mile to prepare students not just to graduate but to succeed.

“Today’s college students and their families want a complete college experience,” Dr. Brundage said. “In addition to excellent academics and a positive on-campus environment, they want to be able to have demonstrable skills at the end of their four years so they can go out and begin to earn a living and prepare for the rest of their lives. Internships, mentoring programs, networking opportunities, and resume preparation are all an integral part of a Keystone College education. Now, more than ever before, it’s important that we provide career pathways so our students are ready to enter a changing and competitive workforce.”

Dr. Brundage noted that in the coming years the United States economy is expected to create approximately 55 million job openings of which about 24 million will be entirely new positions. Therefore, the need to educate individuals with specific skill sets as well as the ability to analyze information, communicate effectively, reason, and problem solve will be paramount.

Keystone is continuing to mold its curriculum to be responsive to meet this new dynamic. That’s why the College has added a new computer science major with an artificial intelligence component and altered its visual arts program

to focus more on digital media, a skill which is more relevant in today’s market.

Of course, the long-standing Keystone Promise, which pledges that upon graduation students will receive a job offer or be accepted into graduate school within six months or Keystone will provide extra career counseling and coursework, demonstrates that the College stands behind its students and its graduates.

The new tuition reset is another way Keystone is leading the way in making a college education more accessible and transparent. According to the new pricing schedule, tuition for all new and returning full-time undergraduate students will now be \$14,500 per year for the 2020-2021 academic year compared to \$24,920 for the current 2019-2020 academic year. In addition, the College’s comprehensive fee charged to undergraduate students will change to \$2,500 per year from the current \$1,100 but will cover all individual course fees. The overall change results in a 39 percent reduction in the cost of full-time undergraduate education.

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“Keystone has always been a leader among colleges in making higher education affordable and accessible to as many people as possible,” said Dr. Brundage. “Our new tuition reset continues that tradition by helping take much of the confusion and guesswork out of the process so that students and their families can more easily understand the entire process.”

As the 2019-2020 academic year continues, Keystone is poised for a bright future as it strives to continually develop new ways for students to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom.

“We will all work together to build Keystone College into an even stronger educational leader,” said Dr. Brundage. “We will do this by providing the best opportunities for our students from the day they step onto campus until the day they graduate and beyond.”

“Now, more than ever before, it’s important that we provide career pathways so our students are ready to enter a changing and competitive workforce.”

President Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.

Keystone College Announces Tuition Price Reset

Keystone College has announced a tuition price reset beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year which continues the College's mission of making college more accessible to as many students as possible.

The new pricing structure is designed to better reflect what students will actually pay for tuition once scholarships and other forms of institutional financial aid are applied. In essence, the tuition reset will provide a more transparent and realistic "sticker price" for students and their families. The change comes after three years of increased freshmen enrollment, the relaunch of football and wrestling programs, the successful completion of a comprehensive capital campaign, and a new college retail development project which is nearing completion. Keystone is also undertaking a strategic institutional advancement campaign to increase funding for student scholarships.

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Keystone's current published tuition price, which is lower than most four-year private institutions, is rarely what students pay upon enrollment, because of comprehensive financial aid packages which are offered to approximately 96

percent of students. That process often leaves many students and families confused about how much their education will really cost. By resetting tuition and including course fees, actual tuition costs will be more transparent for everyone.

"By resetting tuition, we are also resetting the baseline for future tuition increases should they become necessary," Dr. Brundage said. "Over the long term, this new pricing strategy will make paying for college less complicated, more transparent, and more equitable for more of our students. That's always been our objective and we feel we are once again taking a positive step in that direction."

Keystone Alums Enjoying Success as Partners in Leading Creative Firm

It's no secret that businesses often succeed because they are built on solid foundations.

As partners and founders in a Los Angeles-based entertainment design studio, Keystone graduates René Lawter '90 and James Valinski '91 will readily tell you the success they have enjoyed over the years is, to a large extent, due to their Keystone College roots.

As principals at Eyerus, René and James generate creative solutions with their team for some of the nation's biggest entertainment properties such as Trolls, Jurassic World, Pets, and some of the largest games and toy brands such as Monopoly, Playdoh, and Elmo. Their clients include industry giants like Lucas Films, Universal Studios, Netflix, Hasbro, and many others. They love their work and have added to their creativity and business skills over the years in becoming one of the top firms in their industry.

While they have many mentors, colleagues, and clients to thank, René and James point with pride to their days as art students at Keystone as the foundation for their success.

"At Keystone, we really learned what the creative process was all about. That helped us as we furthered our education and developed our careers," René said. "Art professors Cliff Prokop, Karl Neuroth, and Bill Tersteeg really helped to expand our

horizons and develop creative solutions unique to the issues. That way of design 'thinking' is indispensable. It's the thing we are really known for in this industry, thoughtful creativity."

"We were instilled with a sense of curiosity and confidence," added James. "We learned how to problem solve using that experience of working with each other to be better at our greater craft. That foundational thinking came from Keystone and it is invaluable as we build our legacy."

René, from Taylor, Pa., and James, from Nicholson, Pa., became good friends at Keystone and then continued their respective educations at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. They stayed in touch with each other as they pursued their creative careers in the toy industry with such companies as Tyco and Mattel, which eventually took them to Los Angeles. They founded Eyerus in 1999 with a third partner,

René Lawter '90

Matthew Brady, and gradually gained the reputation as being one of the top innovative creative design firms in the nation.

"We absolutely love what we do," René said. "Of course, we're very busy but we prefer it that way. In so many ways, we owe so much of our success to our time at Keystone and the fine arts program."

To learn more about Eyerus, check out www.eyerus.com.

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Keystone College alumni René Lawter '90 and James Valinski '91 at Eyerus, one of the nation's top design and creative firms.

Keystone Students Spend Time Abroad as Sodexo Interns

Keystone students Tristin Williams and Samuel Vierling spent a month abroad as part of the Sodexo International Internship program. Sodexo is the international company that manages Keystone's facilities and dining services. The students left for Dublin, Ireland last June for a three week, facilities management internship at Microsoft and enjoyed a fourth week for vacation travel.

The interns studied space utilization at the international headquarters of Microsoft and were assigned different areas to survey utilization at different times of the day. The collected data was used in preparation for a new Microsoft facility being constructed across from the current international headquarters.

Tristin, a senior public health major with a minor in psychology, believes the internship increases her marketability in the public health field. She credits Keystone for giving her the tools necessary to build her future.

"I love working with new people and learning about different cultures, different avenues of life. I love it all," said Tristin, a resident of Albany, N.Y. "Being a public health major, I think it's

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Samuel, a junior computer science and information technology double major, enjoyed his time in Europe so much that he's already searching for new opportunities abroad. Samuel believes Keystone has provided a solid foundation for building his future.

"I chose Keystone for its information technology program and small class sizes," said Samuel, a Factoryville, Pa. resident. "Keystone had everything I was searching for in an educational setting."

The international internship featured a fourth week for personal travel. Tristin visited friends in London, while Samuel remained in Ireland to visit the Slieve League Cliffs before tracing his lineage to Wales and the United Kingdom.

Internships and experiential learning programs provide a supervised period of practical work experience that help students explore various career fields and learn to apply classroom principles to real-world situations. Students gain leadership and management skills, professional growth and personal fulfillment.



Tristin Williams and Samuel Vierling interned at Microsoft in Ireland as part of the Sodexo International Internship Program.

Learn more about the Study Abroad program at www.keystone.edu/academics/study-abroad.

Class Notes

1950s

Dr. Robert W. McGurrin '54 has studied at Oxford University and at the Oxford Delegacy for Educational Studies where he received an advanced certificate in educational studies. He is past president of the Overseas Federation of Teachers and has traveled in 47 countries in Europe, the Near and Far East, and Australia, as well as having lived in France, Germany, Japan, and presently, Woodstock, England. He has spent the last 20 years as the chair of the Woodstock Action Group, fighting off over development of the historic town, site of Blenheim Palace and birthplace of Winston Churchill.

1960s

Mr. William D. Walters '66 was honored at the 32nd Annual Easton Jazz Festival by the Boys & Girls Club of Easton, Pa. He received the annual Martin Zippel Award which honors an individual for providing outstanding community service to the Boys & Girls Club. Bill, a 35-plus year member of Easton Kiwanis, served as president of the Kiwanis Club during its 100th anniversary. As president, he worked with the club to determine the best 100th anniversary gift for the city. Under his leadership and guidance, the Easton Kiwanis Club undertook an almost \$300,000 project, raising funds and then building a community hillside garden and a modern playground for the Neston Heights Development of low-income housing surrounding the Boys & Girls Club.

Mrs. Diana S. Smedley Johnson '68 attended the class of 1968 reunion and reconnected with many old friends. She relayed it was a wonderful weekend and very well organized. She enjoyed seeing all the improvements that have been made over the years and remembering all the good times she had in 1967-1968. She looks forward to future reunions.

1970s

Mr. Austin J. Burke, Jr. '70 Austin Burke '70 auctioned some of his original art work in October 2018. The proceeds of the auction benefitted Scranton's Albright Memorial Library. Austin and wife Marianne also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2018 and they marked the occasion with a vow renewal. The couple has three children and three grandchildren.

Ms. Michelle Cadden '71 opened Electric City Bakehouse in February, located in downtown Scranton, Pa. The shop allows Michelle to share her love of creating modern cake designs.

1980s

Mr. Kenneth A. Walsh '80 Kenneth Walsh '80 was recently recognized by *Maine Magazine* as one of the 50 most influential individuals in the state of Maine. He has managed Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCA for 35 years and is currently CEO of the only merged Y and Boys & Girls Club in the country. The facility serves over 8,000 youth members in 191 towns, and is one of largest licensed childcare programs in the Northeast. With the help of MLB friends and former players, Ken assisted in the construction of the only two licensed replica Fenway and Wrigley Fields in the country. The facility hosts numerous tournaments including the upcoming Cal Ripken U12 World Series. Ken credits the development of his love of baseball to former Keystone baseball coach Mike Mould. Ken is still an active baseball player.

Mr. Jodi P. Lameo '85 is retired from a career in law enforcement with the federal government. He is a cancer survivor and is approaching five years cancer free. He is an active advocate for chronic

pain, fibromyalgia, autoimmune diseases, and oral cancer. He currently resides in Clarks Summit, Pa. He would love to hear from his fellow classmates and can be contacted at lameoj@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Robin H. Rapp Herbert '85 has spent the last eight years living with her family in Knoxville, Tenn.

1990s

Ms. Tina Cielski Norton '98 was featured in *The Scranton Times* for her role as an infant caregiver at University of Scranton Early Learning Center. After trying majors in the arts and communications fields, Tina realized her calling was working with children. She creates a strong bond with both babies and their families..

Mr. William S. Honchell '99 and Amanda Schnell Honchell '06 celebrated the birth of their first child earlier this year.

2000s

Mrs. Heather A. '00 McDonald-Strohl worked as a server after graduating from Keystone. She was promoted to manager, and moved up to the general manager of IHOP in Vestal N.Y. After working at IHOP for 17 years, she decided it was time for a change and recently started at Willow Run Foods in Kirkwood, N.Y. as human resource employment specialist. Making this change has left more time with her husband and daughter Samantha James Strohl.

Mr. Steven J. Varga '04 After graduating from Keystone College in May 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in information technology, Steven worked for the North Brunswick Township School District in North Brunswick, N.J. as a computer technician. He then moved on to Rutgers University in New

Brunswick, N.J. as a systems administrator, and is now a senior technical support analyst at Princeton University. He still returns to Keystone College often to visit the campus, as his time at Keystone both as an on-campus resident and a commuter, serves as one of his fondest memories as a young adult, and represents the education that afforded him the opportunities he has enjoyed since graduation.

Ms. Kerry C. Fallon '08 is engaged to Justin Richards. Kerry received a bachelor's degree in communications from Keystone College and works in school-based behavioral health at Scranton High School. Justin is a production technician at Sanofi Pasteur. The two met through mutual friends.

Mrs. LeeAnn C. Perry '08 is the owner of Bellissimio Children's Hair Salon and Spa in Dunmore, Pa. The child centered spa offers princess themed pedicure chairs and helicopter or car salon chairs and is the only one of its kind in the area.

2010s

Mr. Louis Reyes '16 and Diandra Sherman Reyes '15 celebrated their wedding anniversary in November and also recently purchased a home in Florida. Louis has been promoted to ticket office manager at the spring training home of the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals. Diandra has been working as the sous chef in a 55+ retirement resort.

In Memoriam

- '37 **Mrs. Isabel Tewkesbury Laudenslayer**
December 5, 2018
- '40 **Mrs. Norlaine Keller**
December 3, 2018
- '41 **Mrs. Vera Hoffman Shuff**
December 18, 2018
- '42 **Mrs. Marjorie Sampson**
September 19, 2018
- '45 **Ms. Vera Ventanni Marquard**
March 20, 2019
- '45 **Mrs. Madeleine Bloxham Mathias**
March 11, 2019
- '47 **Mr. C. Thomas Bradley, Jr.**
October 14, 2018
- '47 **Mrs. Bette Burwasser Davidson**
May 25, 2019
- '47 **Mrs. Rita A. Cutie Jordan**
October 3, 2018
- '47 **Mrs. Ann Smith Pisarek**
December 11, 2018
- '48 **Mr. Glenn Cooper**
December 13, 2018
- '48 **Mr. Robert V. Schank**
January 12, 2019
- '48 **Dr. Edward A. Stark**
December 14, 2018
- '49 **Mr. Robert N. Boule**
July 17, 2019
- '49 **Mr. Harry R. Pethick**
June 1, 2019
- '49 **Mr. Lionel I. Stanton**
April 25, 2019
- '49 **Mr. Lewis deWitt Davis**
February 28, 2019
- '50 **Mr. Donald P. Kalet**
December 3, 2018
- '50 **Mrs. Loraine McFarland**
May 1, 2019
- '50 **Mrs. Angela Walsh Rutledge**
June 11, 2019
- '51 **Mr. Wilmer Adams**
September 24, 2019
- '51 **Mr. William D. Evans, Sr.**
September 21, 2019
- '52 **Mrs. Mae N. Chylak Burgess**
May 10, 2019
- '52 **Mr. Frank I. Illuzzi**
March 27, 2019
- '53 **Mrs. Carolyn K. Sarrides Mott**
March 22, 2019
- '53 **Mrs. Marilyn E. Lovelass Rodenburg**
May 7, 2019
- '54 **Mr. George K. Gnall**
June 14, 2019
- '55 **Mr. Robert G. Serafin**
January 10, 2019
- '56 **Mr. James E. Horn**
January 15, 2019
- '56 **Mr. James Nocera**
April 28, 2019
- '57 **Mrs. Jane Litz Gallo Maletta '57**
September 26, 2018
- '57 **Mrs. Dorothy Orasin**
April 2, 2019
- '58 **Rev. Harold T. Lesh**
September 30, 2018
- '58 **Mr. James W. Love, Jr.**
March 7, 2019
- '58 **Ms. Catherine M. Mitchell**
July 26, 2019
- '60 **Mrs. Beverly Reynolds Solsman**
January 2, 2019
- '60 **Mr. Thomas Voloshen**
December 21, 2018
- '61 **Mrs. Pat A. Turton Campano**
December 1, 2018
- '61 **Mr. Harvey R. Fister, Jr.**
September 23, 2019
- '63 **Mr. John E. Fontinell**
January 13, 2019
- '64 **Mr. Leonard Rovinsky**
December 26, 2018
- '66 **Mr. James K. Meil**
February 13, 2019
- '67 **Mr. Peter C. Curtis**
April 7, 2019
- '67 **Mr. Paul J. Maroon**
October 14, 2019
- '67 **Ms. Phyllis A. Russell**
August 25, 2019
- '67 **Ms. Edrene K. Wright**
January 10, 2019
- '68 **Mr. Robert E. Ames**
September 11, 2018
- '68 **Mr. Dominick Falduto**
February 27, 2019
- '68 **Mr. William J. Hyduchak**
June 20, 2019
- '68 **Mr. Edward J. McGuire**
July 18, 2019
- '70 **Dr. George J. Hallesky**
January 20, 2019
- '70 **Mr. Ronald G. Pelucacci**
August 21, 2019
- '70 **Mr. Byron J. Weaver**
December 20, 2018
- '71 **Mr. Stanley Janus**
September 7, 2019
- '72 **Ms. Ann Smith**
March 26, 2019
- '73 **Mrs. Rose K. Walp Acker**
April 18, 2019
- '73 **Dr. Charles R. Bacinelli**
February 9, 2019
- '73 **Mr. Timothy M. Foley**
September 6, 2018
- '73 **Mr. Richard D. Stark**
July 14, 2019
- '74 **Ms. Katherine Preschutti**
February 15, 2019
- '74 **Mr. John M. Skeba, Jr.**
June 17, 2019
- '75 **Mrs. Kathryn Burdick**
January 23, 2019
- '77 **Mr. Lawrence A. Dutcher**
July 14, 2019
- '79 **Mrs. Cheryl Richmond**
December 4, 2018
- '84 **Mrs. Paula Bernosky Hudachek**
December 1, 2018
- '85 **Mr. Gerald Aten**
September 6, 2018
- '85 **Mr. George Bush**
October 13, 2018
- '85 **Ms. Antoinette Methot**
January 31, 2019
- '86 **Mrs. Theresa Vrona**
October 18, 2018
- '88 **Mr. Mark P. Roe**
May 11, 2019
- '89 **Mrs. Barbara A. Houghtaling**
August 29, 2019
- '91 **Mrs. Kendra L. Zukowski Schurbert**
April 25, 2019
- '92 **Mrs. Priscilla Carroll**
November 12, 2018
- '95 **Ms. Margaret (Tina) Lloyd**
February 1, 2019
- '96 **Mr. Michael A. Smith**
May 10, 2019
- '02 **Ms. Andrea Jenkins**
July 21, 2019
- '04 **Mr. David G. Morgan**
January 1, 2019
- '06 **Mr. Paul S. Yeselavage**
March 11, 2019
- '06 **Mr. Sean E. Gaylets**
February 19, 2019
- '08 **Ms. Leah A. Wilsey**
July 12, 2019
- '13H **Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.**
June 23, 2019

Diane Bubb Helps Link Students to Potential Employers



Diane Bubb loves every day of her job as workforce outreach coordinator at Keystone College.

Diane's main task is to help students connect with the professional community. She teaches all First Year Seminar (FYS) courses, meets with students one on one, and is working to help Keystone advance its student internship process.

"We are trying to streamline and standardize the process," said Diane. "We want students to know early on that an internship or any kind of learning outside of the classroom is going to be beneficial. We've tied that into the Keystone Promise so students can take a strategic approach to their career pathways and planning."

Keystone has implemented Handshake, an interactive career services platform that enables students to interact with employers, apply for internships and job listings, research careers, and much more. They can organize their work history and education in a central location.

"Early on, we developed a contact data base in which we welcomed members of the business community," Diane explained. "We are now up to 3,000 contacts which is great. Every day, employers contact me to recruit at Keystone. There is a lot of opportunity out there."

Diane is also helping students through the Keystone College Mentoring Initiative, which helps students connect with local community and business mentors. Students have the opportunity to meet and interact with professionals engaged in the types of careers they hope to pursue. The initiative was pioneered by Keystone College President Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.

Diane explained, "I want to help our students network and connect to the business community. I've learned that companies, big and small, want to be better connected with Keystone, specifically with our students."

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Learn more about upcoming Career Fairs at www.keystone.edu/career-services.

Campus Construction Projects Now in Final Stages

Keystone College continues to make significant progress on two major construction projects which will improve the campus and bring additional business revenue to the local community.

The \$3 million Keystone Commons retail development project is nearing the home stretch. By late November, outside construction was virtually completed and crews were mainly working inside the individual businesses.

Keystone Fitness was scheduled to open by mid-December. The Steak 'n Shake, the Starbucks Café inside the new Keystone College Bookstore, and the Bookstore itself, are scheduled to follow in January, as will the Penn East Federal Credit Union.

Keystone's Streetscape project is also in its end stage. College Avenue officially opened for two-way traffic on November 8 and the roadside barriers to the main entrance to the College on Routes 6 and 11 were removed on November 14, meaning vehicles can now enter the College through the main entrance even as wrap-up work on the Entranceway Project continues for the next several weeks.

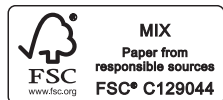
Keystone received a \$1.2 million Multimodal Transportation Fund Investment Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for major improvements to the campus entrance and for new street lighting, landscaping and sidewalks along College Avenue in front of the campus.



As part of the Streetscape project, College Avenue saw major improvements to facilitate traffic flow and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.



Exterior view of the Keystone Commons.



**BELIEVE.
BELONG.
BECOME.**

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend any of Keystone College's many free events. We offer scholarly lectures, concerts, cultural programs, and seasonal activities to the campus community and general public. Visit www.keystone.edu/events for a complete listing of campus events.

February 25, 2020

Cupcake Challenge
5–7 p.m., Evans Hall, Hibbard Campus Center

February 27, 2020

Faculty Colloquia: The Making of the Documentary Film Series The Music and Mission of 2 Roots presented by **Professor David Porter**
12:30–2 p.m., Evans Hall
Hibbard Campus Center

February 28 - April 24, 2020

Staying Relevant: Making During Times of Division Invitational Exhibition
Opening reception 4:30–6:30 p.m., March 22
Linder Gallery, Miller Library

March 22, 2020

Keystone College Jazz Festival
Time TBA, Theatre in Brooks

March 26, 2020

Faculty Colloquia: Meaningful Work presented by Assistant Professor Michael McDougall
12:30–2 p.m., Evans Hall
Hibbard Campus Center

April 18, 2020

Performance Music's Spring Symphonic Band and Vocal Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

April 21, 2020

Poetry Reading by Jenna Le
7 p.m., Evans Hall
Hibbard Campus Center

April 22, 2020

Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration
9–11 a.m. and 1:30–3:30 p.m.,
Theatre in Brooks

April 23, 2020

All-College Honors Convocation
12:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

April 26, 2020

Performance Music's Spring Jazz Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

May 9, 2020

149th Commencement Exercises
11 a.m., Pavilion at Montage Mountain

Campus visits are always welcome!
Bring a guest!

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